

SOLICITING FOR ST. GREGORY'S

PUBLIC NOW ASKED TO GIVE NELDEN A LIFT.

Several men whom the society's pamphlet puts down as directors say they know nothing about the society or the hospital and its jumping ambulance.

Several persons whose names have recently appeared on a list of the directors of St. Gregory's Society, organized to manage St. Gregory's Hospital, started at a Gold Street last June by Dr. A. L. Nelden, are complaining that their names have been used without authority and that they are not interested in the society, the hospital or Dr. Nelden.

Since the hospital was started last June by Dr. Nelden, known as a "beauty doctor," it has been turned over to a society organized by Dr. Nelden. The latter appears now as vice-president of this society. Dr. J. A. Neville is president, the Rev. A. A. Brockway, 2 Bible House, appears as secretary and John G. Tholke as treasurer. Men are out now collecting subscriptions in the name of the society. To support their appeals for aid a pamphlet has been issued descriptive of the work of the hospital, including the number of ambulance calls it has had, and being due to the energy of Dr. Nelden in starting it.

The pamphlet prints a list of forty-eight directors of the society. A number of persons whose names appear, including M. H. Curran, Bryant Willard and N. D. Meyer, did not know that they were on the list until they heard about the pamphlet. In at least one case a letter was sent promptly to such officers of the institution as had addresses in the directory asking that the use of the name be stopped at once. One of those persons said yesterday: "I know nothing about Dr. Nelden's institution and was much surprised when I saw this pamphlet and heard that agents were being sent around asking for subscriptions. I have learned since that one of these agents is a man whose past affiliations have been with labor unions rather than with hospitals. I once had some business relations with one of the men who appears to be a member of this society, but that is the only way in which I can account for my name being used. I am not at all in sympathy with the institution."

Another man whose name is conspicuous on Dr. Nelden's list had never heard of the institution. He is a lawyer in Nassau street. The only way he can account for his name being used is that he has office room with a man who received a call from one of Dr. Nelden's associates.

Dr. Nelden came into prominence in certain newspapers at one time by advertising for somebody willing to sacrifice an ear, to be grafted onto the head of a man richer in money than in ears. Dr. Nelden announced later that he had found a victim and accounts were printed of an alleged operation describing the ear grafting process.

Later a woman tried to make trouble for him by making a charge that he had advertised to import certain foreign disfigurements, and that under his treatment she had lost whatever beauty she had. There was a long hearing in a police court last summer, in which it came out that Dr. Nelden had made a specialty of such cases. The charge was dismissed. It was just about this time that Dr. Nelden started St. Gregory's Hospital. He rented an old business building, made alterations and installed several doctors and nurses. The regular staff for this district is the Hudson street hospital. Dr. Nelden's ambulance driver was instructed to beat the Hudson street hospital in getting to the hospital, whenever St. Gregory's heard of a case which the police would ordinarily send to Hudson street. St. Gregory's hospital is to rely on the fact that it has information as to cases, but even with this handicap it has been a very strenuous competitor with the older institution. It has not as yet secured any of the cases from the city. Canvassers have gone about asking mercantile establishments downtown to turn over any cases they had to the hospital. The pamphlet has been issued is largely an advertisement of Dr. Nelden.

FREIGHT WRECK ON FIRE.

Engine and Seven Cars Derailed Near Flemington Junction, N. J.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Dec. 24.—An engine and seven cars were derailed and wrecked and six cars burned in the result of a collision between two westbound freight trains on the Lehigh Valley near Flemington Junction at 2 o'clock this morning. Fast freight, known as J. B. 3, stopped to make repairs, when another freight drawn by engine 1615 came thundering along and crashed into the caboose. Engineer Shannberger and the fireman jumped and both escaped uninjured. The engine was shoved across the eastbound tracks.

A stove in the caboose set the mass of wreckage on fire and the flames soon got beyond control of the crews. The Flemington department was summoned and responded with one engine with a special train.

Having stationed their apparatus beside a creek the firemen succeeded in getting the flames under control and extinguishing them. The wreckage was then removed and rails were bent by the heat. One of the cars burned contained jute and twine. The firemen had been called to the scene for their trucks and engines for fear of destruction. He attributed the cause of the wreck to the engineer falling asleep a few minutes before the crash came. When awakened it was too late to avert an accident. Traffic was delayed about ten hours.

NABBED A VISITING CONSTABLE.

John Hanna of Mamareonek Mistaken for Man Who Stole From Christmas "Chimneys."

Constable John Hanna of Mamareonek brought a prisoner to the Kings County Penitentiary last Tuesday and on his way home made an hour's involuntary call in the City Hall police station. Hanna was at this end of the Brooklyn Bridge when Frederick Diezelski, of 624 East 14th street, a captain in the Volunteer fire department, was out looking for a man who had robbed the Volunteers' Christmas chimneys in Wall street and 125th street, saw him and had him arrested.

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C. F. U. INDORSES CHORUS UNION.

The Newly Organized Singers Have Demands to Make on Conited.

The Chorus Singers' Union, known as Local No. 14 of the Actors' National Protective Union, has a formidable list of demands which are to be made on Director Heinrich Conried of the Metropolitan Opera House some time this week.

The agreement to be submitted states that it is entered into "By and between the Conried Metropolitan Opera Company, represented by Mr. Heinrich Conried, president and managing director, and the chorus of the first part, hereinafter referred to as the company, and party of the second part, hereinafter referred to as the chorus." It goes on to say:

The chorus agrees to render services for the company in and out of the special choruses as man, woman or child in all operas, operettas, oratorios, etc., to be given by the company during a term beginning on the 25th day of December, 1905, and ending on or about the 15th day of April, 1906.

The chorus agrees to be present during the day or evening without exception at all orchestral, scene or piano rehearsals which may be ordered by the company, one rehearsal and one performance being reckoned as a day's work.

In compensation for such services the company agrees to pay to the chorus the sum of \$25 per week, to begin with the 25th day of December, 1905.

The agreement further provides that the chorus is willing to attend rehearsals a day for two weeks before the opening of the new season, for which the members are to receive \$12.50 a week.

President Sullivan of the new union got the floor at the meeting of the Central Federated Union yesterday. He said that the conditions were very bad. The chorus only got \$12.50 a week. There followed a list of the grievances of long hours and hard conditions.

William Barry of the Actors' Protective Union said that if it wasn't for the chorus in grand opera there would be nothing doing.

"The prima donna and the solo singers are paid high salaries, but what could they do without the chorus?" said Barry. "If we were not for the support of the chorus an opera could not be given. The members of the chorus have to study their parts before they are equipped for their duties and they are the body of the opera."

Music and art, as personified by the chorus of the Metropolitan Opera House, won the day. It was decided by a unanimous vote to endorse the demands.

CIGARMAKERS' PROTEST.

Will Send Petition to Congress Against Lowering the Philippine Tariff.

The cigarmakers' unions throughout the country have resolved to protest to Congress against a bill introduced in the House changing the present tariff law between this country and the Philippines. It is provided in the bill that 25 per cent. of the duties now imposed shall prevail on the cigars brought from the Philippines until 1909, when it is proposed to abolish the tariff.

The matter was brought before the Central Federated Union yesterday by Delegate Lowery of the cigarmakers, who asked that the protest be endorsed. He said that the establishment of free trade between the Philippines and this country would work havoc in the trade in America.

"In the Philippines," he said, "coolies are employed in making the cigars and are paid only 40 cents a day. About 200,000 cigars a year are imported from the Philippines. In case this law goes into effect at least 500,000 cigars will be imported annually from the Philippines."

It was decided by a resolution to endorse the protest.

KHAN'S WINDOW ROBBED.

Khan's in Iran—Khan's Brother He Ran for Police Tooting Like an Auto.

Thieves broke in and stole from Dikran Khan, Persian Consul-General, yesterday, but he didn't go to the police until after a long wait. Not beneath the ensign with a man faced him brandishing a sword was the burglary perpetrated, but in the sordid marts of trade.

The Khan combines with his consular duties the business of antique jewelry, rugs and tapestries at 252 Fifth avenue. He got his title of Khan because of his activity in collecting and exhibiting the best of the Oriental mind, and for fifteen years he has preached the theory of Persian artistic supremacy in textiles.

The Khan went to Persia on a Christmas vacation several weeks ago and left his business in the care of his brother, Hovhannes G. Kelekian, who was secretary to the Persian Consul-General to the United States. He didn't go to the police until after a long wait.

There were a great many tassels and such things mixed in with the jewels. They were left in the window, instead of the safe, and the thieves were Persian jewelry should be advertised by night as well as by day.

All of them were the handiwork of the best Persian artisans, said Mr. Kelekian yesterday. They were rare treasures, but, thank Heaven, the thieves were infidels.

FLEES IN CAUSELESS TERROR.

Manufacturer Noon Leaps From a Window and Disappears.

FREEMONT, L. I., Dec. 24.—Samuel Noon, a cigar manufacturer of this place, has disappeared under circumstances which suggest that he ended his life. He became suddenly deranged last night and while suffering mentally from a causeless fear he leaped from a window and disappeared. He was without hat or coat or any wrappings of any kind.

When he was given a searching party organized. The country was searched all night for traces of him but without avail. This morning more search was made in the places of those that had been out all night but up to this evening there was no trace of the man. It is believed he must have drowned himself. If he has not he may have been overcome by the cold and died.

THE WEATHER.

The cloudy and showery conditions which prevailed over all the Middle Atlantic and New England States on Saturday were forced to the northward yesterday by an area of high pressure which moved in from the west and northwest, causing fair weather in the Atlantic States and over all the country west to the Rocky Mountains, except in the Northwest, where it was becoming slightly warmer but still with some snow showers.

The high pressure dominated the entire country. The center was west of the Mississippi River. Zero weather was reported in the extreme south and freezing temperatures extended south to Texas and east over all the country to the middle Atlantic coast.

It should be fair and colder throughout all the Middle Atlantic States to-day.

In this city yesterday was fair, becoming cold toward night; fresh to brisk northwest wind; average humidity, 47 per cent; barometer, 30.0; wind velocity, 10 to 15 M. P. H.; 29.90; and rising.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table.

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